



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting MINUTES  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Monday, September 24th, 2018**

**'On the Road' at MARWEN  
833 N. Orleans St.**

**Welcome & Introductions**

- Randall welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the Q&A guideline (see below). Randall then asked everyone to take 5 minutes to introduce themselves to their neighbor or someone they don't know.
  - **Review Question and Answer Guidelines -**
    - One question per person, one follow up question and then the meeting facilitator will move on to the next community member's question.

**Minutes**

- MARWEN - Barbara Banda
  - Student and Family Engagement Coordinator - Welcome
    - Randall welcomed Barbara to the podium and thanked her and MARWEN for hosting NNUP's September meeting.
      - Barbara shared MARWEN's mission, invited everyone to enjoy the student artwork on display and shared upcoming events, including the Student Art Fair on November 2nd, 7 pm to 10 pm, proceeds benefit MARWEN and the student artist.
- City Clerk - Anna Valencia - Randall welcomed the City Clerk to the meeting and thanked her for taking the time in her busy schedule to stop by and speak with our community. Ms. Valencia spoke about the City Clerk's role that's elected every 4 years. She is only the second woman to hold the office since the 1830's and the first Latina woman. Her goal is to increase accessibility to government. She is creating a pipeline of talent and partnering with CPS to create Next Generation City Council for youth and the 1st ever Women and Girls Council.
  - What is the City Clerk?
    - City Stickers
    - Dog license
    - Business permits
    - Oversees every city council meeting
      - Now live streaming and on mobile devices
    - City Key - Four in One Card - First 100,000 applicants are FREE, assists in providing a government id to individuals that otherwise cannot access one due to no birth certificate, SSN, passport, etc.
      - Gov't ID
      - CTA
      - Library
      - Prescription Discount
      - Also includes the benefit of discounts at local theater, dining, museums
  - Q - What is the renewal period?

- Individuals age 65 and older - no renewal
    - Individuals 14 to 64 - every 5 years
    - Individuals 13 and under - every 2 years
  - Q - Does it replace a drivers license
    - Not a replacement for a license
- Community 'Spotlight' - Randall welcome Pastor Eric Worringer, new Pastor at Holy Family to the podium to introduce himself and share Holy Family's upcoming events and plans.
  - Holy Family
    - Pastor Eric Worringer - Introduction & Welcome
      - Pastor Eric shared some of the church's history sharing that it is one of the last remaining Cabrini Church in the community. Pastor Eric is new to Chicago and is originally from Minnesota. Holy Family has a non-profit arm located in Garfield Park. Holy Family looks to engage the community and new community members that will be moving into the community when more development occurs. Holy Family previously had an afterschool program that ended and continues at their K-8 facility on the west side since 2013 and daycare.
        - Q - What are your plans to grow the congregation?
          - Looking to new development and foot traffic to bring in new members
          - Lower level is renovated and a resource and Holy Family will be looking to see how to best utilize as a community space/co-working space.
        - Q - Boundaries of Holy Family property?
          - The building and the adjacent parking lot
        - Q - How will you work with youth? Afterschool Matters?
          - After school programs are possible, in the beginning, stages
        - Q - Will Holy Family work with other churches?
          - Yes
        - Q - What is Holy Family's physical address?
          - 542 W. Hobbie, corner of Hobbie and Larrabee
- Holsten Human Capital Development (HHCD) - Randall welcomed Trina Hill and Donald Williams to the podium. Trina and Donald shared HHCD background and the ROSS program which is a resource provider available to the entire community, including youth services. Services offered range from mock interviews, clothing sourcing, referrals, any needs - if they can't help, they will find the correct resource. Trina and Donald are in the office (459 W. Division) from 9 am to 5:30 pm.
  - Trina Hill
  - Donald Williams
- Sergeant Christopher Schenck, 18th District - Randall welcomed Sgt. Schenck to the podium. Sgt. Schenck was previously an officer with 18th district, was promoted to sergeant rank, was sent out of the district for training and has returned this fall to the 18th district as Sergeant. Sgt. Schenck emphasized the need for more participation,

need to be a stronger community. CPD is in the process of creating a Youth Council, need youth and mentors (partners needed)

- Welcome, Safety and Q&A
  - Q - Do youth need to live in the area
    - Any youth ages 12 to 20 years
  - Q - Any Changes to policing since school merger/increase in students?
    - No, there is a school officer, there's also a car stationed at the park(s), encouragement to engage with officers, lastly, they are doing lockdown drills.
- CAPS - next meeting is November 13th @ 18th district on Larrabee at 6 pm
- Chicago Park District Seward/Stanton Parks - Safety
  - Joyce Freeman-Herron, Park Supervisor - Joyce joined Sergeant Schenck at the podium to discuss park safety. Joyce also shared that it's not just about police safety is about community people, active and aware. There is a police car stationed at the park from 8:30 until 12 pm. Joyce reminded community members that the Parks are to have fun - there are grilling areas so it is okay to grill. Joyce announced upcoming programs, Senior Thanksgiving Dinner, and Breakfast with Santa at Seward Park.
    - Seward Park is open until 9pm
    - Stanton Park is open until 8pm
      - Outside of the park closes at 11 pm
    - Q - Is there a coordinator or facilitator for safety issues?
      - Commander, stakeholders, faith-based organizations, Officer Romana Stovall (312-742-5778)
    - Q - Why is the desk staff at the 18th district so offputting, rude?
      - If this happens to you ask for a supervisor
    - Q - Could we get conduct signs posted in the parks?
      - Erie Park has some, Joyce will look into it
    - Q - When will the park kiosk be installed?
      - Joyce put the work order in, hopefully, this fall. It will be two-sided and located on Division Street.
    - Comment - Vince Carter shared information regarding mikvah grant ' Two Way Street' - role reversal with police and youth
    - Comment - Peer Jury is a great program

## **Announcements**

- **Suggestion Box** at the check-in table - please feel free to drop off suggestions for NNUP
- **Sep 24 - NNUP September Monthly Meeting, MARWEN, 833 N. Orleans, 6PM to 7:30PM**
- **Sep 27 - NNUP Youth & Families meeting, 11 am, Capital One Cafe, 1538 N. Clybourn Ave.**
- **Oct 3 - Kupcakes with Kishasha, Assistant Principal Ford, Jenner Campus, 1119 N. Cleveland Ave., 7:45 AM and 5 PM**
- **Oct 9 - Stanton Park District Advisory Council, 618 W. Scott St., 6 pm**
- **Oct 10 - Chicago Park District Near North Field Community Meeting #2, time TBA**
- **Oct 11 - Seward Park Advisory Council (PAC) meeting, 37 W. Elm St., 6:00 pm**
- **Oct 31 - HALLOWEEN**